very essential not only to develop his health and give better recreation but also to give practical training in the matter of earning his livelihood in future. We find that a proper foundation is laid for the boy, even while he is in school mainly engaged in learning lessons of practical utility for after life. That will not only help him in his future life but also his parents. So also what we learn in the actual mode or art of living is very important. All these important matters must more and more engage the attention of the department. We find that the whole scheme is progressing from day to day.

I will suggest certain improvements that can be made in the working of the scheme as at present. My submission is that the scheme can be introduced in all schools of the State. If need be it can be made compulsory. So also, if an examination is provided so far as these subjects are concerned, I think it will do for the success of the scheme. It is necessary that sufficient supervision should be had by the superior officers of the department to see whether the working of the scheme is progressing all right. Now the vocationally trained teachers are given charge of classes in the ordinary sense of the term. They are not at present exerting their entire time for imparting special training which hey have acquired. My submission is that these teachers may be set free from the duties of the ordinary class teachers so that they can engage themselves practically for the purpose of vocational teaching.

The House adjourned for lunch and met again at 3 P. M., the Deputy, President presiding.

MEMBER SWORN.

Dr. S. John took the oath and signed the rolls.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Sir, I was referring to the affording of sufficiant facilities to the various centres of agricultural and industrial activities. I submit that necessary facilities may be provided to these centres in the matter of seeds, proper implements etc. I may also point out that in the case of teachers who have, in addition to the normal duties, vocational classes, a small allowance, say of Rs. 5 may be granted for the additional work which they turn out. With these words, I support the motion.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I am very happy that appreciation has been expressed by the honourable members with regard to the work done in the vocational instruction branch of the Education Department. The work is at present only on a small scale. The idea is to provide a healthier, cleaner and happier atmosphere in the Malayalam and Tamil Middle schools in the State. It is not therefore vocational in the strict sense. It will be easy to any kind of English School to make similar arrangements in its curriculam for games, scouting and so forth. In Malayalam Schools such things are new. The scheme has been introduced only in two divisions of the State so far, because of the paucity of facilities for training men for this kind of work. This work is going to be carried on year after year extending from Division to Division. Many members have expressed now and on previous occasions that a definite agricultural bias should also be given during

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